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 - [x] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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Sir:

I. AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 18, 1998. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the above-captioned application:

In the Claims

Applicants request entering the below amendments to the claims. Claims 1-9, 12-21, 24-30, 32-34, 38-42 and 44 are amended. For the PTO's convenience, claims that remain unchanged are included below in order to allow the Examiner to review all pending claims from this response in their numerical order.

1. (Amended) A method of distributing data units, said data units comprising an information portion and an identification portion, said identification portion